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1 John 5:14-16

We Know God Hears

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know

that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

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Yes, God hears our desires. Yes, God grants our desires. Also, yes, such desires must be “according to his will”.

Nonetheless, any biblical passage that is used to say every

single thing any person, even a sincere Believer, prays for is granted, is a gross twisting of Scripture.

Many other Bible verses prove that. Day-to-day living proves that as well. We know God

hears. We know God fulfills according to God's will. But here's something a bit more involved. If God hears and knows and no request is going to be approved unless

it's "according to
his will" anyway,
why bother praying
for anything?
He knows what
you need.

He's either going
to do it or he
won't, right?

That's a legitimate question which some may openly ask. Still, others may be ashamed to ask. They are embarrassed, for some reason. Some may feel certain queries, such as this, would be to

question God's validity. Even if they *think* such questions, they don't dare verbally express them.

At any rate, it's a reasonable question. So, if God already knows

issues and is
only going to do
whatever he's going
to do anyway,
what's the point
in prayers?

Do we know
what God's will
is in every
circumstance?

Are petitions to God similar to filing a medical insurance claim where you might not know all that is covered so you (or a medical person) will file in hopes the claim will be paid? In a situation such as

that, the claim will only be approved if it's already on a list of things that will be covered—and that list may change from year to year. Of course the answer will be an automatic "no" if no claim is ever

filed. Is prayer like that?

Here's something to think about:

Scriptures give general guidelines as to God's will, but no detailed lists of what is God's will

for everyday life
are given.

Prayer is not just
to ask for things;
it is a means of
communicating
with God—talking
as well as listening.
So, when making
prayer requests,

you don't really need to know what's on God's "yes" or "no" list. Just asking is a way of sharing your personal needs with God. It is connection and submission to God. Asking God is living

a life of faith.

Prayer is yielding
to His will,
whatever that
will may be in
a specific case.
It's showing trust
that God hears.

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